

# *Proclamation*

The United States Coast Guard, Fourteenth District command oversees the operation of twenty-nine units, performing missions in Maritime Safety, Maritime Mobility, Protection of Natural Resources, Maritime Security, Homeland Security, and National Defense for the people of Hawai'i and the entire Pacific basin. Their Search and Rescue region covers nearly 12.2 million square miles of the Central Pacific Ocean, which is an area that is more than two and a half times larger than the Continental United States.

The Fourteenth District's Air Station Barbers Point located in Kalaeloa, Hawai'i consists of 240 active duty personnel and 10 civilians who support the operations of four Coast Guard C-130 fixed wing aircrafts and three Coast Guard HH-65 helicopters.

After the tragic crash of an air ambulance plane in early March of 2006, there was a period when private air ambulance services were not operating in Hawai'i. The Coast Guard responded quickly to provide both critical and non-critical patients with inter-island air ambulance transportation.

The Coast Guard honorably and professionally rose to meet the challenges of these additional and demanding lifesaving missions for the people of Hawai'i, while simultaneously performing their other federally mandated missions.

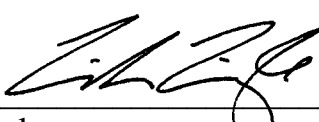
We must recognize the accomplishments of the men and women of the United States Coast Guard 14<sup>th</sup> District who regularly risk their lives during vital rescues and other life-saving missions.

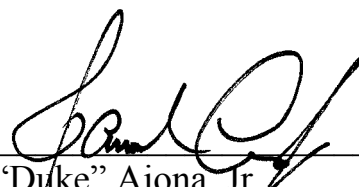
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **June 11 through 17** as

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in the Aloha State, and express our sincere appreciation to the personnel and command of the United States Coast Guard Fourteenth District and Air Station Barbers Point for their invaluable services to enhance the health, safety and sense of well-being of Hawai'i's residents and visitors alike.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of May 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i